PETROGLYPH PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Primary Role

The **primary** role of Petroglyph Provincial Park is to protect and present significant First Nations' petroglyphs found in this small two hectare park. Symbolic of the spiritual and cultural history of the Coast Salish and Snuneymuxw (Nanaimo) First Nations, these petroglyphs or rock paintings are over 1,000 years old. Located south of Nanaimo, the park offers visitors and local residents a quiet forested picnic and day use area to visit in addition to viewing the petroglyphs that are protected in cast molds and covered with plexiglass to help prevent vandalism.

Known Management Issues	Response
Vandalism to petroglyphs and damage to park's natural and cultural values from high level of use, pets off leash and surrounding residential development.	Ongoing management and maintenance of fence to stop unauthorized trails into park; plexiglass over petroglyph concrete molds has helped to reduce vandalism.
Nanaimo First Nations interest in park's cultural values.	Liaise with First Nations potential transfer of park.

Zoning

Due to the park's small size (1.55 hectares) and the presence of significant cultural and heritage values (e.g. petroglyphs), the entire park is zoned Special Feature.

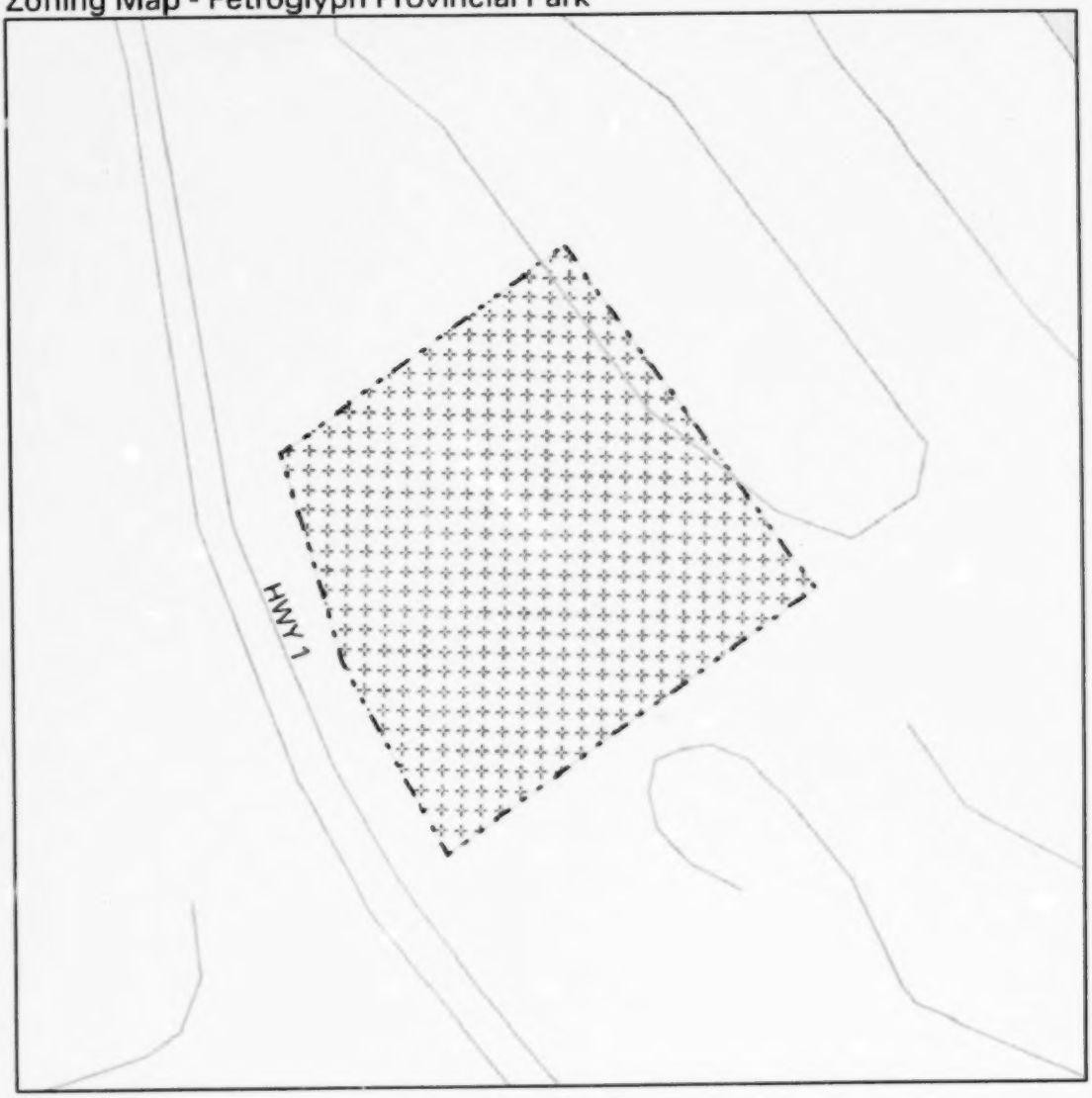
Conservation		
Representation - ecosection	☐	Nanaimo Lowlands Ecosection. This ecosection is under-represented: 1.0% in PA system. Petroglyph's contributions insignificant due to small size.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant	☐	CDFmm variant in Nanaimo Lowland Ecosection. Contribution insignificant due to small size.
Special Feature	☒	Petroglyphs are important cultural examples of traditional First Nations rock paintings which are over 1,000 years old.
Rare/Endangered Values	☒	Petroglyphs
Scientific/Research Opportunities	☐	
Recreation		
Representation backcountry	☐	
destination	☐	
travel corridor	☒	Along major highway corridor south of Nanaimo; tourist attraction.
local recreation	☒	Local day use (picnicking, photography, cultural viewing of petroglyphs).
Special Opportunities	☐	
Education/Interpretation Opportunities	☒	History of First Nations culture in this region.
Cultural Heritage		
Representation	☒	Petroglyphs are associated with places of spiritual significance and provide insight into the past aboriginal history of this area.
Special Feature	☒	Petroglyphs
Other Management Considerations		
Other Designations	☐	
Relationship to other PAs	☐	
Co-operative Management Arrangements	☒	Nanaimo First Nations

Partnerships	☒	Potential partnership with Nanaimo First Nations.
Vulnerability	☒	Vandalism, lack of staff presence.
Relationship to other Strategies	☐	

Area: 1.55 hectares

Date of establishment: August 24, 1948

Zoning Map - Petroglyph Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83

Special Feature
Protected Area Boundary

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